IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF: Atty. Dkt.: 2545-0428

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows prior to fee calculation and examination: